

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 September 52	2. LOCATION At sea on (U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt.)
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE Not Stated	
8. PHOTOS <i>NEGATIVES</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

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AF DE AIR
RR JEDWP
DE JEPHQ 23C
R 232145Z
F HQ USAF AFOIN

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TO ZEN/CONNAV/NORTH OSLO NORWAY
INFO JEDWP/CHIEF ATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO
/SECURITY INFORMATION FROM: AFOIN-2A2
59350 REFERENCE OBSERVATION UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SHORTLY
AFTER 1600 HOURS 20 SEP 1952 BY M4. [REDACTED] METRO GROUP
PHOTOGRAPHER, AND LT R. M. [REDACTED] USN, ABOARD CARRIER USS F.
D. ROOSEVELT. REQUEST ADVICE OF ANY OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION AND
REPORT ON HIS INCIDENT. ADDITIONALLY REQUEST A CHECK TO DETERMINE
IF ANY OTHER SHIP IN THE FORMATION RELEASED A WEATHER BALLOON
AROUND THIS TIME. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY OFFER
POSSIBLE EXPALANATION IS SOLICITED. FINALLY REQUEST ANY INFORMATION
AVAILABLE REGARDING OBSERVATION UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT BY 11
CREW MEMBERS RAFBOMBER OVER YORKSHIRE ON 22 SEPTEMBER. IN RESPONSE
REPLY TO AFOIN-2A2.

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MR JEDWP

DE JEPHQ 1390

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INFO JEDWP/CHIEF ATIC WRIGHT PATTISON AFB OHIO

FROM AFOIN 51025 REFERENCE OBSERVATION

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SHORTLY AFTER 1600 HOURS 23 SEP 52 BY

MR [REDACTED] CMA METRO GROUP PHOTOGRAPHER CMA AND LT

CMA USN CMA ABOARD CARRIER USS F. D. ROOSEVELT. REQUEST

ADVICE OF ANY OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION AND REPORT ON THIS INCIDENT.

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LITWIN DETERMINED FROM WEATHER OFFICER ABOARD ROOSEVELT THAT WEATHER BALLOON WAS NOT RELEASED AT THAT TIME. REQUEST A CHECK TO DETERMINE IF ANY OTHER SHIP IN THE FORMATION RELEASED A BALLOON ABOUT TIME IN QUESTION. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY OFFER POSSIBLE EXPLANATION IS SOLICITED. IN RESPONSE REPLY TO AFOIN-2A2

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FROM: (Originator)

TO: (Recipients)

D/I HQ USAF WASH D C

INFO:

DATE-TIME GROUP		S [REDACTED]	
142000Z NOV 52		INFORMATION	
PRECEDENCE FOR:	ACTION	[REDACTED]	
ROUTINE		[REDACTED]	
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REFERS TO MESSAGE:			
IDENTIFICATION		CLASSIFICATION	

FROM: APOIN-ATTA

FOR: MAJ FOURNET

Cite your TT 243, Item 1, and 13 Nov 52. Evaluation is that object probably balloon released shortly before pictures taken.

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

R. E. KENNEDY/RS
SYMBOL

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

OFFICIAL TITLE

ROBERT E. KENNEDY, MAJOR, USAF
AIR ADVISOR GENERAL

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REPLACES NM FORM 173, 1 MAY 48,
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TO CS USAF WASHDC AFOSIN-2A-2

INFO CG AMC WPAFB OHIO

6 NOV 1952 10 16

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YOUR 312140Z CITE AFOSIN 51716. NO OFFICIAL REPORT OF FLYING OBJECT SIGHTING RECEIVED PRIOR THOSE REQUESTED MY 011534Z AND NO INVESTIGATION MADE UNTIL THAT TIME. INFO INDICATES INCIDENT OCCURRED ABOUT 194400Z ^{194400Z} SEPT EXACT TIME NOT KNOWN. (AEREOLOGICAL BALLOON WITH RADAR REFLECTOR LAUNCHED FROM ROOSEVELT SHORTLY BEFORE PICTURES WERE TAKEN.) THIS 1500 GRAM BALLOON INFLATES TO DIAM ABOUT 8 FEET AT SEA LEVEL AND EXPANDS WITH ALTITUDE AND IS BELIEVED TO BE THE OBJECT SIGHTED. NO OTHER SHIPS IN FORMATION RELEASED BALLOONS AFTERNOON 19 SEPT 06/9/1952 NOV

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FROM: AM USAF WASH DC				TO: AM WTC			
REG. NO. AIR 4							
DESCRIPTION, DATES, AND SUBJECT: Inc Mag 10/23/52 4 yrs recd. 1 p m. Cite AFOMR 51025 Action & Info.							
ENCLOSURES: None		5					
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BY MILITARY PERSONNEL

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26 Sep 1952

October 2, 1952

Major Dewey J. Fournet
AFODIN - 2A2
Headquarters, U.S. Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Major Fournet:

Here are the three Ansco color transparencies, $2\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$, shot by Metro Group photographer [REDACTED] aboard the U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt while covering the NATO maneuvers for us.

Following is a quote from Litwin's letter of yesterday describing the circumstances surrounding the shooting of these pictures:

"On September twentieth, at a few minutes after four p.m., I was standing on the forward flight deck of the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, biggest carrier in the world. With me, at the time, was Lt. [REDACTED], helicopter pilot. It was a bright day and there were occasional clouds in a very blue sky. As we were talking, I saw this round object about five hundred or a thousand feet in the air, directly above the after end of the ship. I shouted something to [REDACTED] and ran aft a bit to shoot it with a bit of the ship's 'island' in the picture to establish where. I had time to take a meter reading and three exposures before the rapidly rising thing was out of sight. The weather man man aboard sent a balloon up at three thirty, and says that it rose up and out of sight in the overcast in about fifty seconds. This was not it. The shots were in color.

"The next day there was an item on the teletype as follows:
PITREAVIE, SCOTLAND, SEPT 22 (INS) RAF OFFICERS IN THE NATO MANEUVERS OPERATIONS MAINBRACE TODAY* INVESTIGATED A REPORT THAT A FLYING SAUCER WAS SIGHTED. TEN OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN IN AN RAF BOMBER PLANE REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT THEY SAW A SILVER CIRCULAR OBJECT FOLLOWING A BRITISH PURSUIT PLANE OVER YORKSHIRE. THEY SAID THE OBJECT, WITH A ROTARY MOTION ABOUT ITS OWN AXIS, SUDDENLY ACCELERATED AT INCREDIBLE SPEED AND VANISHED BEFORE THEY COULD GET CLOSER.

(* Sept. 20)

"This took place in the same part of the world and could be part of the same situation. I have [REDACTED] affidavit, not

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FILE NO.	SUBJECT	(Unclassified) Material for Project Blue Book		
TO	FROM	DATE	COMMENT NO. 1	
Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio	Dept of the Air Force Hq USAF - AFOIN		Maj Tournet/dbv/71379	

1. Inclosed are reproductions of three color transparencies taken by Mr. ██████████, an American press photographer, in the vicinity of the Naval formation participating in Operation Mainbrace on 20 Sep 52. The attached copy of a letter from Mr. ██████████ of the Metropolitan Sunday Newspapers, Inc. dated 2 Oct 52 (see Incl 2) includes all data on this sighting presently available this office.

2. The original photographs were returned to Mr. [REDACTED] with a letter expressing our sincere thanks for his cooperation in making the photographs available to us. The photographs were enlarged by Eq USAF from the original $2\frac{1}{4}$ x $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch size to the present size; the vertical dimension of the copies correspond to the coverage in the original photographs (enlargement ratio 2.25:5). These are the only copies which were made; none are filed in Headquarters. An enlarged reversal print of the second transparency is attached (Incl 3); it was made to show that the image is still round. Photographs are for official use only; not for release.

3. A cable to CINCHORTH, with information copy to you, was dispatched 3 Oct 53 requesting information on balloon releases by ships in the Naval formation. Message number is AFQIM 59530.

4. A copy of OPNAV Notice 3820 is attached as Incl 4 for your information and retention.

WILLIAM A. ADAMS
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Topical Division
Deputy Director for Estimates
Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

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dtd 2 Oct 52
3. Photo
4. Cy OPNAV Notice 3820

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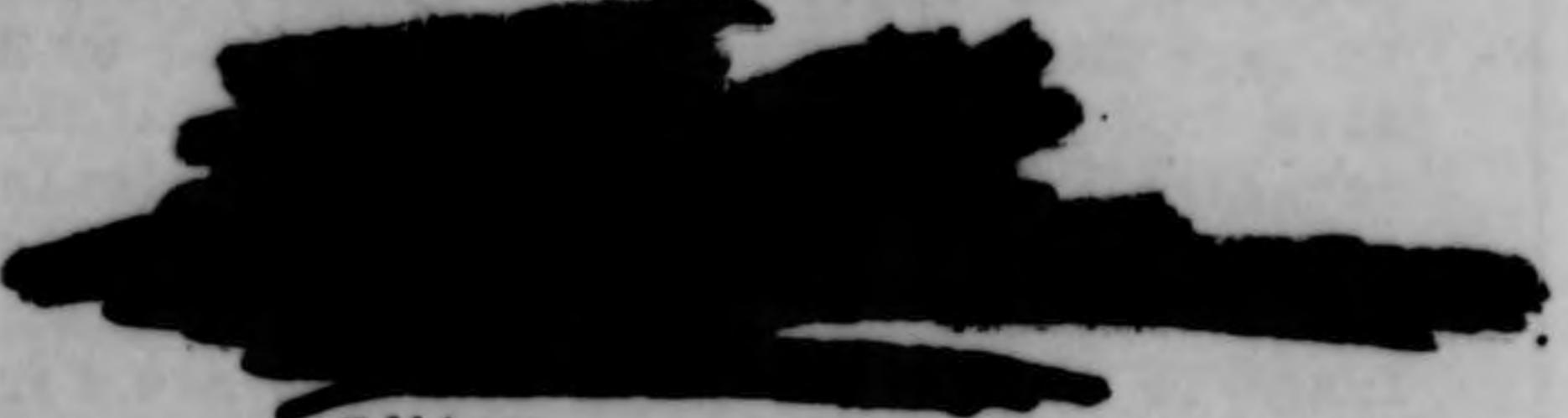
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stating what it was that we saw, but that he saw it too, at the same time as I was photographing it."

As I said during our telephone conversation today, I would appreciate a quick return of these transparencies and any comment which the Air Force is willing to make about these pictures for publication.

We will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



Editor

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Enc.

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AFM DE AIR
RR JEDUP
DE JEPHQ 1300
R 142142Z

FM HQ USAF WASHDC
TO ZEN/USAIRA OSLO NORWAY

INFO JEDUP/CHIEFATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO
FROM: AFOIN 50356 REF YOUR X 36 DTD 13 OCT 52 AND OUR
AFOIN 50350 TO COMNAVNORTH DTD 3 OCT 52. ASSUME YOU HAVE ACCEPTED
ACTION ON LATTER. MOST PERTINENT REQUIREMENT IS TO DETERMINE IF ANY
OTHER SHIP IN MAINBRACE NAVAL FORMATION AT CITED TIME RELEASED A
WEATHER BALLOON AROUND THAT TIME. COLOR PHOTOS OF OBJECT TAKEN BY
LITWIN AVAILABLE HERE BUT FINALS ANALYSIS MUST AVAIT ANSWER TO ABOVE
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ENCLOSURES: None				5			
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CSAF ITEM NBR 1 [REDACTED]

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TO ATIAA-5 RUPPELT FR AFOIN-2A2 FOURNET
FOLG MSG RECD FR USAIRA OSLO NORWAY:
"REF YOUR AFOIN 59358. NO OFFICIAL
KNOWLEDGE OF CITED INCIDENTS BY ALUSNA,
OSLO OR RAAF. RAAF INVESTIGATING 2 OFFICIAL
AND NUMEROUS VAGUE REPORTS OF CIGAR SHAPED
OBJECT SIGHTED OVER VARIOUS AREAS SOUTHERN
NORWAY, SAME TIME PERIOD. FORWARDING REPORT
SOONEST."

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PRESUME AA ACCEPTED ACTION REQUIRED
BY OUR AFOIN 59358 ADDRESSED TO COMNAVMORTH
DTD 3 OCT 52 WHICH YOU BLDG INFO CT OF
MSG DISPATCHED TO AA OSLO TODAY, INFO
TO YOU, REQUESTING REPLY TO QUERY RE
BALLON RELEASES BY OTHER SHIPS IN FORMATION

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erroneous if any other ship
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NAME

17 Oct 52

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14 Oct 52

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JQ USAF WASH D.C.

SUMMARY

ATAIA-1, 15 Oct 52, 0920 hours

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CSAF ITEM 1 [REDACTED]

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TT 243
13 Nov 52

ACTION

TO ATIAA-3 ROTSTEIN

FR AFQIN-2A2 FOURNIER

HAD INFO SUPPLIED BY COM SECOND FLEET IN MAG

932031Z NOV 52 ENABLED ANY FURTHER EVALUATION

OF COLOR PHOTOS TAKEN BY [REDACTED] OVER MAINBRACE?

PLS ADVISE SOONEST.

END CSAF ITEM 1 [REDACTED]

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